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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8224**  
Toru SUZUKI et al. : **Docket No. 2001-0554A**  
Serial No. 09/854,528 : **Group Art Unit 1731**  
Filed May 15, 2001 : **Examiner Christopher Fiorilla**

ORIENTED SINTERED CERAMIC  
PRODUCT AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREOF :

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: